OPINION

Space travel involves risk

Two years ago, the space shuttle Challenger lifted off its launch pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla., and 73 seconds later, observers watched the spacecraft explode — killing seven astronauts, one a New Hampshire school teacher.

Amidst protests that the shuttle is a dangerous system, the first post-Challenger launch is scheduled for Aug. 4.

Members of the presidential commission that investigated the Challenger accident claim civilians should not be allowed to fly on the shuttle and crew members should be single with no families.

UNIVERSE OPINION

Robert W. Rummel, an aerospace engineer and commissioner, faults the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for creating the impression that space flight was "as safe as a Sunday afternoon drive" by allowing civilians to fly, an Associated Press article stated.

Rummel said space travel should be recognized for what it is — a very hazardous undertaking.

Space travel is indeed a very hazardous undertaking. But this hazard is necessary for progress.

Any experimental project involves a tremendous degree of uncertainty that must be accepted to advance and develop. It is impossible to control all the variables involved in an experimental operation such as NASA's.

To protest space technology and impose biased requirements is to limit its existence and progress. The space program has an experimental agenda in which risk is inherent in advancement, regardless of whether the astronauts are civilians or not.

The Challenger explosion was a tragic event that affected the entire nation. There is no justification for a faulty system of this magnitude, however, one must remember that the astronauts on board had been fully informed of the risks involved.

The training process prior to lift-off involved extensive and thorough preparation for possible malfunctions. Each astronaut knew the risks and accepted them.

Even with a seemingly perfect system, there is a degree of chance involved with space travel. The space system must be exhaustively and meticulously tested to purge sloppiness and minimize the likelihood of another Challenger tragedy.

We mourn the death of the Challenger crew and feel for their families and loved ones left behind.

But we salute their courage and dedication to the space program and their commitment to progress.

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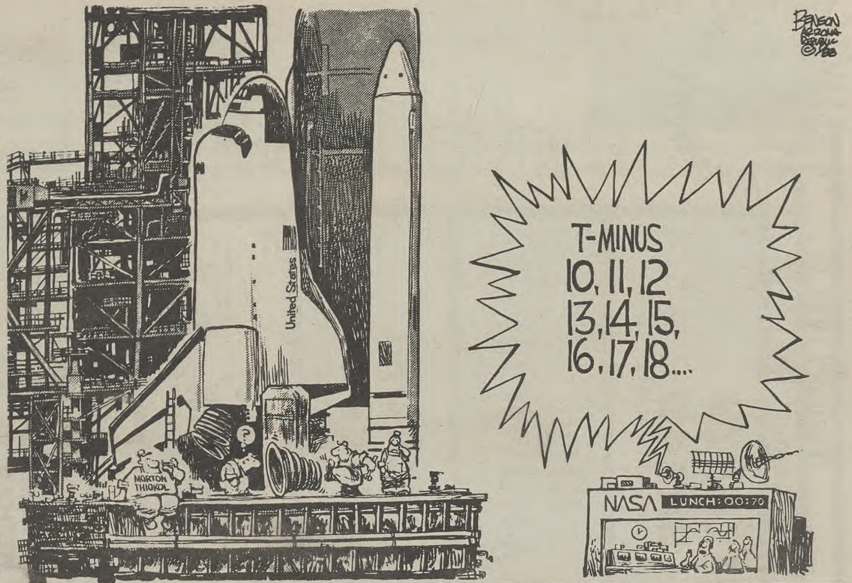

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dumb and numb

Editor,

An epistle to the dumb and numb of BYU:

Hearken, O ye frozen ones and learn wisdom in thine days. Yea, ye ladies with the finely combed hair and men of the oil-styled strands, why persist ye uncovered in this cold?

Yea, why do ye cast about your eyes and beg the notice of your brother, when your amber cheeks and ears of crimson do testify against you?

Behold, thy vanity hath caused you to bury your hats and your mufflers deep in thy closet, yea, far from the sight of men. For this great wickedness the wrath of the Arctic shall come upon you. Verily, ye shall be struck down with pneumonia, save ye loose yourselves from this your pride and covereth your head.

Stephen George
Jamestown, Ky.
Bud Stockdale
Denver, Colo.

No black and white

Editor,

I read with interest Mr. McKnight's and Ms. Larsen's views on the Singer family. I must admit that I find serious problems with both of their arguments.

While McKnight has attempted to portray the Singers as persecuted religious believers, Larsen, on the other hand, described the Singers, and Addam Swapp in particular, as the antithesis of Joseph Smith and that which we believe is good.

Neither of these portrayals seem to come close to the real nature of the situation. Very few things in this world are truly black and white.

I do not question the Singer's nor Swapp's sincere belief in their religious views. I am sure they believe they are doing what God desires. I do, however, question their tactics and actions.

They refused to pay taxes (which contradicts the teachings of Christ in the New Testament), and they left their property, or "New Nation," to threaten people and perform acts of violence and destruction.

There are numerous and varying religious beliefs and practices in this world, and these should not be condemned unless they are harmful to other people. I do not begrudge the Singers for their views on education, nor for their practice of plural marriage.

These are their religious beliefs and do not hurt the community. I do condemn their violent actions against society and feel they should suffer the consequences of these actions.

Craig L. Foster
Provo

Undeserving

Editor,

This is in response to the "Plane tossing" letter to the editor on Feb. 3. It doesn't bother us that they called us immature names to stereotype us as first graders. What bothers us is that we were not the party that deserved those names. We were throwing paper airplanes only during time outs and half time, not during playing time.

Being athletes ourselves, we understand the complications of fans throwing airplanes during playing time, and because of the danger it imposes on the athletes, we chose not to throw them while players were on the court. Maybe these six people should see their optomotrist, because they obviously did not see the right people throwing airplanes.

They also need to have a little lesson in Christian ethics. Instead of making snide comments and rude remarks like "you guys are so cool" and "I wish I could be like you studs," they should have come up to us and said, "Hey you 'group of obnoxious and obviously unintelligent boys, clad in white sweat shirts with your fraternity letters stitched so cooly on the front,' please stop throwing paper airplanes" and we would have gladly stopped.

Maybe they didn't confront us because they were gutless wimps. Maybe they didn't confront us because they really do wish they could be like us.

Next time we will leave our paper in our typewriters, if we can have theirs so they won't write fabrications about what they think.

Upsilon Beta Chi members

Consider safety

Editor,

We'd like to say a few words to the slob who tried to steal the front wheel of our car in the Law Building parking lot on the evening of Feb. 3.

Thanks for nothing!

We discovered when we attempted to go home that three nuts had been taken off the wheel and the fourth nut loosened. We could have had a very serious accident resulting in things we care not to think about.

But, we do want to thank you for having the decency (or being stupid enough) to leave the three missing nuts so we could put our car back together and go home. Since you were considerate enough to leave the nuts, next time why don't you take a bit more time to consider the safety of the passengers.

Eiji and Janna Kakishita
Orem

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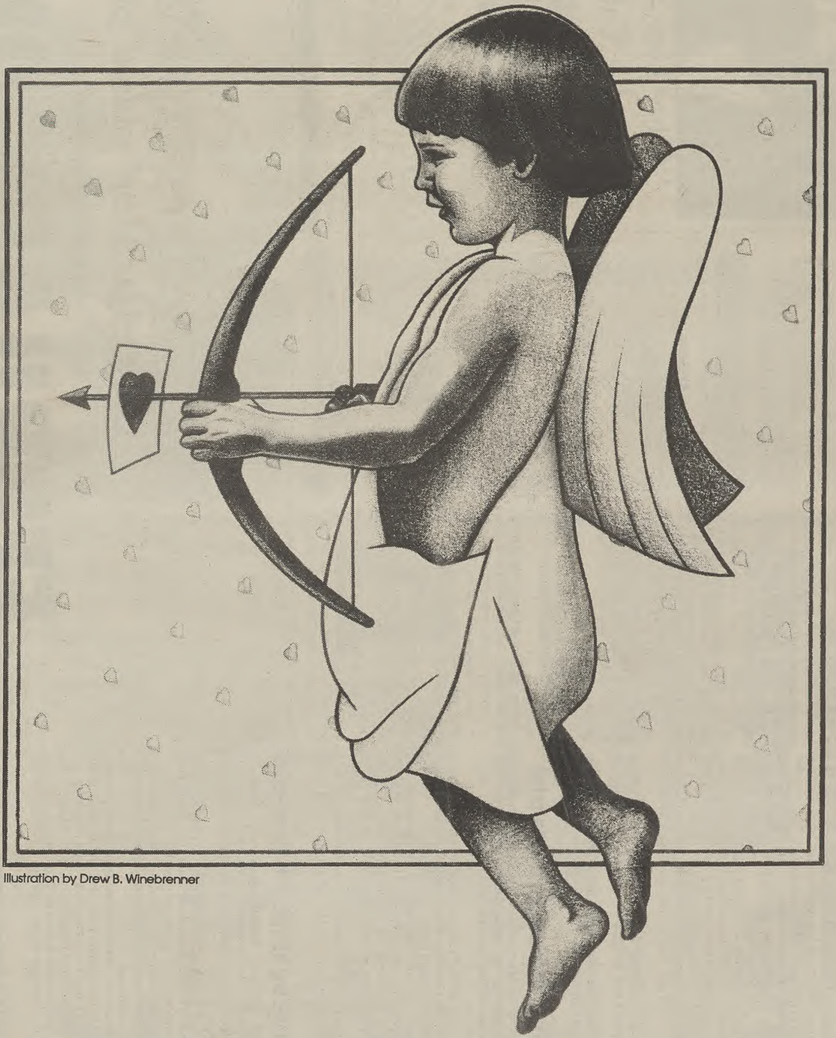

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NEWS DIGEST

PLO guerrillas plan to free hostages

SIDON, Lebanon (AP) — PLO guerrillas Sunday surrounded a house holding two kidnapped Scandinavian United Nations employees and their abductors. PLO chief Yasser Arafat ordered the hostages freed.

The Palestine Liberation Organization's Sidon commander, Anwar Madi said his guerrillas might use force to release the two captives.

"We shall try to gain their freedom with peaceful means. But if this proves ineffective, we shall resort to other means," Madi told reporters. "We expect they will be free in 48 hours."

Sources close to Madi said the two captives — United Nations Relief and Works Agency employees Jan Stening, 44, of Sweden, and William Jorgensen, 58, of Norway — were being held in a deserted house that had been encircled by PLO guerrillas near Sidon's Ein el-Hilweh refugee camp.

"We have clear orders from Arafat to storm the hideout if the captors fail to free the two captives peacefully," said one source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Stening and Jorgensen were traveling from their base in Tyre to Beirut on Friday when they were intercepted and kidnapped by masked gunmen on Sidon's southern outskirts.

They were the first Scandinavians to be abducted in Lebanon. An UNRWA communique said the captors were Palestinians "acting individually without a political motive."

Mecham impeached in House, faces trial

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Gov. Evan Mecham faced trial by the Senate on whether he should be ousted following his impeachment in an emotional session of the House, but confusion reigned in state government over who's minding the store.

The GOP-controlled House voted 46-14 Friday to impeach the first-term Republican, who also faces a recall election May 17 and a criminal trial March 9 on charges of concealing a $350,000 campaign loan.

The resolution accused Mecham, 63, of "high crimes, misdemeanors or malfeasance in office." He is expected to go on trial in the Senate late this month. Mecham is also accused of borrowing $80,000 in state money for his auto dealership and trying to thwart an investigation of an alleged death threat by a state official.

Under the state constitution, Secretary of State Rose Mofford immediately became acting governor pending the outcome of the Senate trial, said Chief Assistant Attorney General Steve Twist.

Evidence building against 21-year-old

Salt Lake City (AP) — Evidence is building against John Timothy Singer in the slaying of a state corrections officer during a shootout that ended a 13-day standoff between authorities and Singer's family, a federal prosecutor said Friday.

"The evidence I can tell you is mounting against Timothy as the shooter in the case," Assistant U.S. Attorney David Schwendiman told U.S. Magistrate Ronald N. Boyce during a detention hearing for the 21-year-old defendant.

Boyce took no action to release the wheelchair-bound Singer from the Salt Lake County Jail after Schwendiman said a federal grand jury likely would return indictments against family members.

Schwendiman had said any indictments were expected to be handed up late Friday, but U.S. Attorney Brent Ward announced Friday night that it would be Monday before the results of the panel's investigation would be known.

New charges would supersede indictments handed up earlier against the clan's matriarch, Vickie Singer, and her son-in-law, Addam Swapp, charging them with the Jan. 16 bombing of a Mormon chapel that provoked the 13-day siege.

Air pollution reaching hazardous levels

(AP) — Particulates spewed by Geneva Steel of Utah have pushed air pollution in Utah County's skies to hazardous levels and violated a 3-year-old pact with the Utah Bureau of Air Conservation, state officials say.

UBAC Executive Secretary Bernell Cordner said he has mailed a notice of violation to the central Utah steel plant. However, Geneva Steel officials insist their slag-cooling methods — which the state alleges releases cancer-causing chemicals into the atmosphere — were approved and problems with UBAC are due to a misunderstanding.

The plant's output of respirable particles — those that can penetrate the lungs — are contributing to a serious county pollution problem, Cordner said.

Brian Whitiker, UBAC air monitoring manager, said that during the winter of 1986-87, while Geneva was shut down, the county's particulate levels did not exceed the EPA's safe level once.

So far this year Utah County has crossed into hazardous levels five times, all of them in January, he added.

Candidates gear up for Iowa caucuses

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Vice President George Bush distanced himself Sunday from charges his campaign has been leveling at chief GOP presidential rival Bob Dole as candidates of both parties began cooling their rhetoric on the eve of Iowa's crucial precinct caucuses.

The Democrats, with a tightly bunched group of front-runners, focused on attacking U.S. policy in Central America, with Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis suggesting he'd be willing to tolerate a Soviet client state in the region as long as it wasn't "a platform for offensive military operations or the subversion of neighboring governments."

The campaign flurry came as 11 of the 13 Republican and Democratic presidential candidates stumped across Iowa, with only Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore Jr. and former Secretary of State Alexander Haig staying away.

It comes on the heels of a survey showing Dole with a double-digit lead over Bush in a poll published by the Des Moines Register, while indicating Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt led Illinois Sen. Paul Simon and Dukakis among Democrats.

The candidates planned a series of speeches for precincts on Monday.

Monday's Weather

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Monday: Mostly cloudy with night and morning fog. Haze and a 20% chance of snow is expected. Highs in the mid 30s, lows in the low 20s.
Sunrise 7:31 a.m. Sunset 5:54 p.m.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of snow. Highs in the mid 30s.

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Inspirational thought of the day:

> ***"And seek the face of the Lord always that in patience ye may possess your souls, and ye shall have eternal life."***
> ***— D&C 101:38***

Perry urges priorities

By CHRISTY WARD
Universe Staff Writer

While comparing the total life experience to a university education, Elder L. Tom Perry, member of the Council of the Twelve of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, stressed that students must allow the pursuit of secular knowledge to take its proper place behind the pursuit of spiritual knowledge.

"We must be a part of the kingdom of God first before we're a part of anything else the world has to offer. Herein lies the strength to meet the battle head on," Elder Perry said.

Elder Perry referred to a catalogue of courses in life such as"Standard of Morality 110" and "By the Sweat of His Brow 130" at the 16 Stake Fireside held in the Marriott Center Sunday.

These courses teach lessons for life and prove, as Elder Perry said, "Education for eternity is not just a catchy phrase."

"If we place too much emphasis on the intellect, if a person tends to lean too heavily on the arm of the flesh ... to the exclusion of spiritual knowledge and nurturing, he will lose the spirit and he will begin to die," he said.

Another course essential in the university of mortality according to Elder Perry is "To Thy Ownself Be True 112."

"You will find those in mortality who want to find as much latitude as possible, as much gray area as they can possibly find between honesty and dishonesty," said Elder Perry. "There is no gray area in between."

In "By the Sweat of His Brow 130" we learn the joy of honest labor and find out how easily leisure can turn to laziness, Elder Perry said.

There are three degrees offered by the university of mortality (celestial, terrestial, and telestial), according to Elder Perry, yet there will periods of examinations to test progress.

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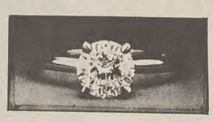

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History offers many different Valentine's Day explanations

By BRIAN T. WEST
Universe Staff Writer

Valentine's Day.

The history and traditions of this day mean much more than cards, hearts and "mushy" stuff. Valentine's Day, which has been a part of history for many centuries, continues to be important and significant for many people.

When and why the whole Valentine's Day thing began is not known for sure. Authorities differ in their beliefs on the holiday's origin. Some connect the holiday with early Christian saints, others trace its roots to an ancient Roman festival and others link it with an old English belief that birds choose their mates on Feb. 14.

Valentine's Day probably came from a combination of all three of these sources, according to the World Book Encyclopedia.

The Roman history of martyrs lists two Saint Valentines of the early Christian church as having been beheaded on Feb. 14. According to one story, the Roman Emperor Claudius II in the A.D. 200s forbade young men to marry and ordered all engagements broken off because he had too few soldiers and also thought single men made better soldiers. A priest named Valentine disobeyed the orders and secretly married young couples.

Another story says Valentine was an early Christian who made friends with many children, and was incarcerated by the Romans because of his refusal to worship their gods. The story says the children missed Valentine and tossed him loving notes between the bars of his cell.

Another story says while Valentine was imprisoned for helping some Christian martyrs, he restored the sight of his keeper's blind daughter.

Others say the Roman festival of Lupercalia is where Valentine's Day originates. The festival was held anciently on Feb. 15 to protect the Romans from wolves. During the celebration, young men struck people with strips of animal hides. The story says women took the beatings because they believed such activity made them more fertile. Some connect the festival with Valentine's Day because of the similar date and the connection with fertility.

But regardless of its origin, the day for sweethearts continues to be a part of our culture today.

For Sister Pat Holland, Valentine's Day is an especially enjoyable and memorable day because her birthday is two days after the holiday. The Valentine's Day she remembers most is the year she turned 40. "I think President Holland was concerned that I might be depressed (at turning 40)," she said. To show his love and concern, he gave her a porcelain figurine of Cinderella with a note saying, "You'll always be as charming as Cinderella."

Ever since they began dating, Sister Holland says her husband has inscripted "To my Feb. 16 valentine" on her birthday cards. While admitting it may sound "sappy," she said, "Since I found my valentine, every one (Valentine's Day) has been memorable."

BYU head football coach LaVell Edwards said although Valentine's Day seemed to be a bigger holiday when he was growing up, he still enjoys Feb. 14. "It's always been special for my wife (Patti) and I. It helps keep romance in our marriage."

Edwards said he has fond memories of playing tricks on his friends on the holiday. He would tie string to the valentines left on their porches, and would then hide behind the bushes and pull the string attatched to the card when his friends tried to pick them up.

Valentine's Day, however, has not been as important for BYU head basketball coach LaDell Andersen and his wife Donna.

"We don't give gifts other than each other," he said.

Andersen conceded, however, that his most memorable Valentine's Day was in 1949, a few months after he first met his wife at Utah State University.

Although he said he doesn't remember many details, he thinks he gave her a box of candy.

This year's Valentine's Day is expected to mean more than any other for Karen Carnes, KTVX news anchor, and her husband, Larry Stumps.

Valentine's Day "will mean more to us this year than in the past 5 years (of marriage)," she said, because of their first child, Courtney.

Carnes said Courtney is "the highlight of our life" and will add new meaning to the holiday for their marriage.

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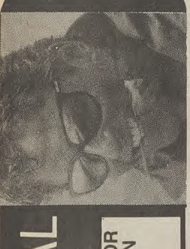
Valentine's Day is as popular for people in love now, like Tammy Park and Kevin Shorts, as it has been for the past several centuries.



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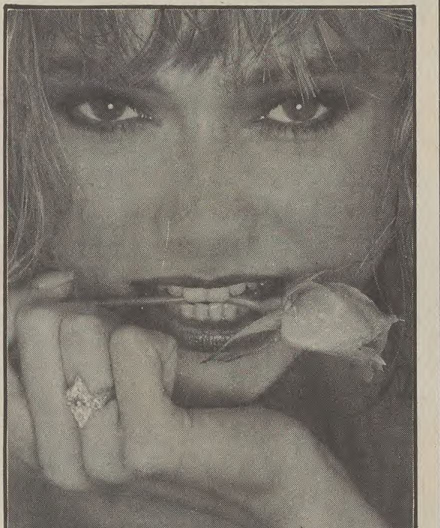

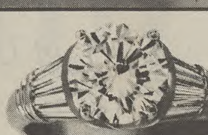

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By JIM DORSEY
Universe Staff Writer

Valentine's Day and flowers. They just go together. Like Anthony and Cleopatra. Mickey and Minnie. Madonna and Sean Penn.

Every February 14th, throngs of love-struck sweethearts flock to florists in search of the perfect blossoms, symbolic of their undying love. It seems ironic that a week later this symbol is tossed in the trash amidst the fast-food cartons and Sunday's paper.

Nonetheless, they blindly rush off to Zelda's Flower Palace. Before doing so, however, it is wise to understand the guidelines for making a good floral decision.

First, not all flowers carry the same connotations, and this can create mixed messages.

Sylvia, who works at a local flower shop, said that in the past most flowers carried deeper meanings. Now, only different colored roses have different meanings.

"White roses stand for humility and purity. They're usually given on the day of a wedding or similiar events. Pink roses stand for unity, and they're pretty neutral. Yellow ones mean friendship," she said.

Another flower shop employee, Marianne, disagrees with Sylvia. "Yellow roses mean 'I never want to see you again.' " Of course, telling someone you just want to be friends could mean just that.

Both women agree, though, that red roses mean one thing. Yes, the "L" word.

Julie, yet another flower shop employee, said, "I just know that blue carnations show a definite lack of taste."

Marianne said, "I just tell people to make up their own meanings and buy what they want."

There is, though, some etiquette regarding the choice of gift greenery.

Avoid giving potted plants to a boyfriend or girlfriend. Save these for Aunt Shirley's birthday. You don't want to be remembered every time the Boston fern droops or drops a frond.

Bonsai are very expensive and are, well, ugly freaks of nature. They are more at home on the set of "Star Trek" than on your beau's bureau.

To be unique, try some of the more exotic flowers like banana flowers or anemones. Even daffodils are more creative then roses. Not that your beloved will be disappointed with a rose. At least not the first few hundred times. And don't forget the daisies.

"Nothing is as happy as a daisy," said Julie.

Never, though, give a cactus without thinking of the meaning you are conveying. Wait till Mother-in-Law Day.

Generally speaking, stiff floral arrangements are for funerals. Be creative. Flowers don't have to be stuck into green sponge in symmetric form and padded with ferns and baby's breath.

Many flower shops will even let you be the florist, allowing you to assemble your own floral creation. But remember not to ruin a thoughtful arrangement with an inane gift card trimmed with cherubs and grapevines and stuck into the vase with an oversized plastic fork.

Corsages. Great for high school proms and grandmothers. Otherwise, they're out-dated and awkward, and a man doesn't want to be remembered by the gaping hole the corsage left in his date's silk dress.

Finally, nowhere is it written that flowers must be purchased on special occasions for boyfriends or girlfriends.

"Giving flowers is a great way to brighten someone's day. Why wait for a reason to give flowers? Create a reason," said Julie.

"I remember one guy who came and bought flowers for his roommate who had just failed a test," she said.

Unfortunately, most of the nearly $4 billion in flowers sold in the United States every year end up in hospitals or funeral parlors.

"It's kind of sad that these people can't enjoy them," said Julie.

Flower care hints

1. Choose flowers in good condition; others may wilt.
2. Strip all leaves below water surface, use a sharp knife to cut the tip of the stem at an angle.
3. For flowers that produce a milky sap when cut, singe the cut with a match.
4. "Harden" flowers by soaking them in a preserving solution, that can be bought from a florist, for two hours. Hardened flowers can last up to 200 percent longer.
5. Keep your container clean; add water daily. Replace the water with fresh preserving solution, if needed.
6. Place flowers in a cool spot overnight and mist daily. Bright light and heat damage flowers.
7. When a flower fades, discard it. Faded flowers emit ethylene gas, which causes other flowers to wilt. Ripe fruit also emits this gas, keep flowers from fruit bowls.

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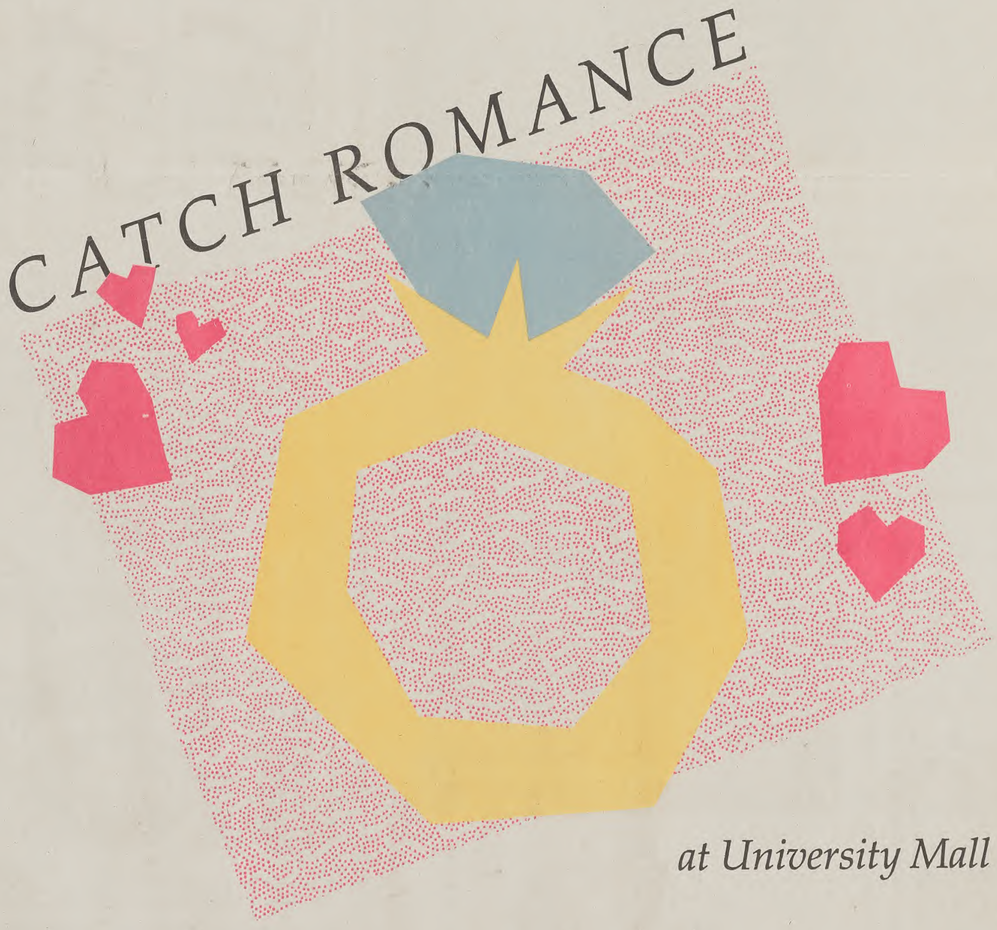

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Date with Cosmo fulfills dream

By DAWN LARSEN
Senior Reporter

Not many women at BYU can say they have dated the most eligible bachelor on campus. I can.

On Friday night I went out with Cosmo and it was an experience I'll never forget — right up there with my own birth and my senior prom.

Years ago as I mopped my stepmother's kitchen floor in the slums of New Jersey I used to dream of someday being courted by a handsome gentleman and taken away from my meaningless life of drudgery. But my fantasies were always interrupted when my two step-sisters waltzed into the house after their dates and told me I was too plain to ever be the desire of any man. Yes, I thought to myself, things like that only happen in fairy tales.

Well, my life became a fairy tale Friday night and I'll never be quite the same. For three brief hours I was caught up in a wonderful little web called Cosmo. Never before had I been as captivated by a date as I was with him.

The date was set for 7 p.m. As the time crept closer I grew increasingly apprehensive. After all, I had never been out with an animal before (well, there was Dave ...) and I didn't know what to wear or how to act. Nothing in my life had prepared me for this event and I couldn't help but feel undeserving and unqualified.

But when Cosmo arrived he put me at ease. There he stood on my doorstep, the street light illuminating the sheen of his meticulously groomed fur coat. As I gazed into his eyes the faint scent of musk wafted through the air. How appropriate.

Cosmo brought his friend, chaffeur and interpreter I.M. Cool along on the date. I'm not sure if it was because I.M. couldn't get a date of his own for the evening or if perhaps my reputation had preceded me and it was simply to protect Cosmo just in case things got out of hand.

Cosmo was a Cougar of few words. How refreshing~~. Most guys~~ at BYU bore their dates with returned missionary stories or tell about their glory days as high school athletes. Cosmo did neither.

Universe photo by Peggy Jellinghausen

Reporter Dawn Larsen's date with Cosmo, which included fries at the fabulous Cougar Eats and bowling, was a dream come true.

Instead, we participated in a flurry of activity that made me realize for the first time how exciting Provo really is. Not surprisingly, we went to the Wilkinson Center for our date — and what a bevy of activities there were for us to participate in. As we walked through the halls, with my arm slipped through his, I couldn't help but notice the envious stares of coeds we passed and the baffled looks in their eyes, wondering what I had that they didn't.

Our first stop was the ELWC game room where we traded in our street shoes for bowling shoes. We hadn't been there but a moment when people swarmed around Cosmo. With so many women throwing themselves at my date, a pang of jealousy swept over me, but I took solace in the thought that most of them were under the age of six and probably couldn't date him for several years. When the crowd finally dissipated, Cosmo bowled a brilliant game, leaving me and I.M. in a cloud of dust — I think he had the home-court advantage though.

Bowling left us faint with hunger, so we went to Provo's most progressive eating place, Cougar Eats, where we dined on french fries and milkshakes. I ran into an old flame of mine during dinner and I think he was in awe of my company. He probably felt very lucky that at one time he dated someone who was actually on a date with Cosmo. No doubt, this is something he will relate to his grandchildren someday.

After dinner we crashed a party some people were having. They were playing "The Dating Game" and asked Cosmo to be one of the bachelors. Needless to say, Cosmo won the date. I guess he was too much man (or cougar) for the other bachelors to compete with.

Our last stop for the evening was at a married couple's dance in the ELWC ballroom. As I anticipated, Cosmo was very light on his paws, and he glided me around the room effortlessly.

As the night drew to a close, I became melancholy. My fairy tale was ending and I wished this night would last forever.

When we arrived back at my place he kissed my hand and disappeared into the night, leaving me to bask in the afterglow of his memory.

It scares me to think that I may go through the rest of my life and never feel again the way I felt with Cosmo. But I take comfort in the thought that I've attained a level of sheer joy and euphoria that most people only dream about.

I have experienced Cosmo and my life will never be the same.

Even Gramma sent valentines

By KENDRA KASL
Monday Editor

You want a Valentine that's perfect, so you've looked all over town. You still haven't found anything anywhere and it's almost V-day. Try an antique store, where the valentines will be different than any you'll find at a card shop.

Love tokens

With any luck, you may be able to find an engraved coin that was commonly given during the Civil War by prisoners to their sweethearts. To collectors, these coins are known as love tokens. Prisoners would rub one side of the coin smooth and then engrave their loved one's name into the coin.

Once the Civil War was over, many of the prisoners were adept at producing the love tokens and traveled to country fairs to sell their products.

However, the United States Mint frowned on the practice because of the extra work it caused. One year the Mint had to produce extra dimes to meet the increased demand, according to Hobbies magazine. Finally, the government passed a law against mutilating coins, which is still on the books today.

Cruel valentines

In the 1840s, crude woodcut prints, known to collectors as cruel valentines, were used to hurt the feelings of the recipient. At the same time, other manufacturers were producing finely embossed or laced valentines with colorful inserts to highlight the cover.

By the 1870s, the most popular valentines were the shadow-box style. They opened to reveal layers of lace and cost $1.50, a week's wages for the average factory worker, according to Hobbies magazine. At the same time, the colors on valentines were more vibrant and loud than in years past, and the use of lace began to decline.

Giving valentines to friends, classmates and relatives became a poplular practice in the years following the Civil War, so the majority of valentines became less elaborate. They were known as cheapies and eventually featured Buster Brown, Poor Li'l Moses and the Yellow Kid.

During the early 1900s, Valentine postcards became popular. They had blank backs and featured famous motifs like Kewpie dolls and the Campbell Kids. Some of the cards even featured pro- and anti-Suffragists in keeping with the times.

One card company produced a line known as the "Nation Valentine Series," according to Hobbies magazine. The cards featured pictures of children from six different countries in national costumes, each inscribed with "Be My Valentine."

Homemade valentines

Not everyone could afford such manufactured luxuries. Thisbe Allen, 70, of Sandy, said she and her sister made every valentine they ever gave. "We had to make our own. We used crepe paper. We did not have the money to buy them," she said.

She said she thought they were pretty lucky to even have the crepe paper, which they got wet and used to color their valentines. "Sometimes I think they (kids today) really lose out," she said. "We were really creative."

Afton Jorgensen, 83, of American Fork, also said she remembered making valentines. "As a child most all of our valentines were homemade," she said. "I don't believe we'd even seen a store-bought valentine at that time."

She said she and her girlfriends would get together and make the paste and cut the valentines and then have a candy pull. She said they would sometimes use scenes from postcards to decorate the valentines, or they would draw their own.

"My happiest remembrance of Valentine's Day is the group of girls when we got together and made valentines," she said.

Allen, who grew up in Lyman, Utah, which she said had a population of about 150, said she and her sister had a valentine tradition. "My sister and I would always make cookies and take them to all the old people in our ward," she said.

And of course, there was the necessary Valentine's party. "We always had a party at night," she said. Jorgensen said she remembers the dance they always had on Valentine's Day. "You were always hoping you'd have a date," she said.

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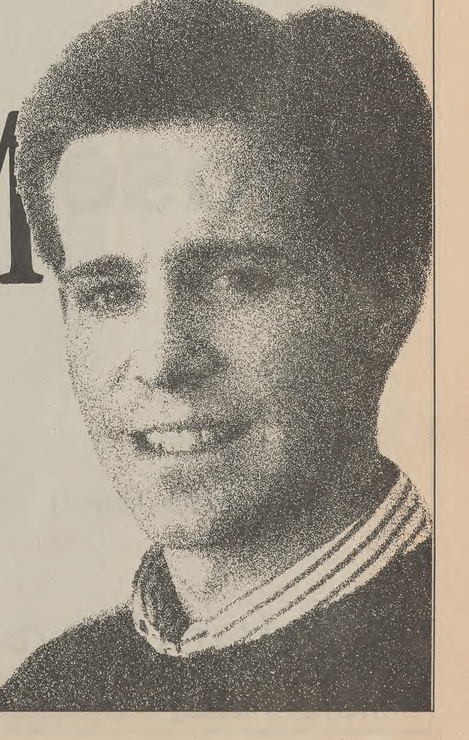
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Scott Lapine

Little things are important

By SHELLEY L. McMURDIE
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Just as television commercials have been saying for years, "it's the little things that mean a lot.' With romance and relationships, the saying proves true, according to a second year master's student in marriage and family therapy.

"It's very important to keep the romance in relationships. I think all of us as human beings like the little things — sometimes it's just a note that says 'I love you' that comes unexpectedly," said Colleen Peterson. "And at the same time, it's the socks in the corner that may really bug a spouse. It's the little things that make a difference in positive and negative ways."

Peterson, along with about 25 other graduate students, works as a therapist in BYU's Comprehensive Clinic in the John Taylor Building.

"When people come in, I help them to accomplish the goals that they want to accomplish, and that's what most therapists do," she said. "We're here to help people; we're a resource."

To keep the channels open, communication is vital to every relationship. "I think one of the biggest problems is just being able to talk without getting angry or making assumptions as to what the other person is saying, or misinterpreting what they are saying," said Peterson.

"A lot of people get so caught up in the love, the emotion and the excitement of it all that they don't think about some of the more day to day type things," said Peterson. Premarital counseling can help curb some of the unexpected problems that might occur in"wedded bliss."

Among the services the clinic provides are group counseling in couples communication, parenting skills, divorce adjustment and step families for reconstituted families, plus other therapy groups for people who are not married or engaged.

Valentine's Day shows tacky gifts

Illustration by Suzanne Godfrey

By ANN B. SOUTH
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Valentine's Day. I'm always a little overwhelmed by the specialness of this lovers' holiday. The BYU bookstore at first sight may appear to be a haven for those of us seeking that certain gift for our significant other.

Upon entering the bookstore, however, this task becomes infinitely more difficult. A plethora of valentine paraphenalia leaves one searching for a gift that doesn't insult the intelligence. Such gifts are hard, nay, impossible to find.

Consider the ever-popular "conversation hearts." Few concoctions have been misnamed as blatantly as these. I ask you, who in the real world has conversations that include the phrases "Sure babe" "hot stuff" and "my boy"?

Another candy atrocity is something called "Hogs and Kisses." Small, pig-shaped chocolates encased in a box that proclaims "solid white chocolately critters" just doesn't seem like an appropriate expression of affection for my deepest sentiments.

The traditional heart-shaped chocolate boxes might seem like a possibility. However, one can feel a bit frustrated by the thousands of options.

There is the basic "all-American selected chocolates," which I assume means they are selected by native Americans with patriotic motives. On the other hand, there are "little ambassador miniature chocolates," in case your valentine is actively involved in international politics. My personal favorite among the various candy alternatives were some taffy-type heart stuff labeled "Valentine fluff" — kind of says it all don't you think?

Cards are another aggravating challenge to the valentine realist. My random sample of card messages included one that read "To my sweetheart — a loving valentine." I wonder what other adjectives could be used on that card.

To my sweetheart — a spiteful valentine, hateful valentine, vengeful valentine — the choices are endless with a little creativity.

When all else fails, stuffed animals often seem to be a possibility. These critters have certainly come into their own recently. Two dinosaurs, probably brontosauruses, with necks entwined will convey the words "dyno-love" to that special someone. What dyno-love is and why it should be expressed if left to the imagination of the consumer.

The old valentine favorite, the teddy bear, appears in several interesting varieties this year. The ever-popular bear puns, such as "beary available" and "I love you beary much" are emblazoned upon bears whose fur color includes the gamut of the elctromagnietic spectrum. Maybe if your valentine is about 13 years old such a gift will delight him/her.

If one rules out the pretentious candy, sappy cards and strange animals, the time-honored tradition of flowers come to minds.

Yet here again are a series of moral dilemmas. Is your valetine allergic to certain varieties of flowers? Will you remember which one is her favorite thereby preventing nasty "you don't remember do you" quarrels? And if these obstacles are surmounted, one must ask some poignant questions about the rights of flowers and the humanitarian aspects of ruthlessly slaughtering thousands of blooms.

In a country dedicated to special interests ranging from saving the whales to fighting toxic wastes, it seems only decent that flowers, such an intricate part of our ecosystem, be allowed a place of their own, a freedom of existence so readily distributed to redwood trees and bald eagles.

Finally, the ultimate symbol of valentine merriment, Cupid, must not be overlooked when considering the merits of this unique day. Cupid has managed to crossover into the card, candy and stuffed-item section as few valentine symbols dare attempt.

What are the implications of a gift which includes the Cupid motif? A child with a washcloth and a bow and arrow, no doubt a result of TV violence, garnished with a pair of oversized wings, carries a connotation of a child out of control. What self-respecting mother would allow her son to dress in such a demeaning manner?

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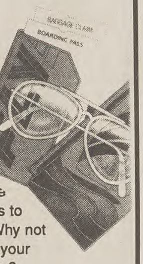

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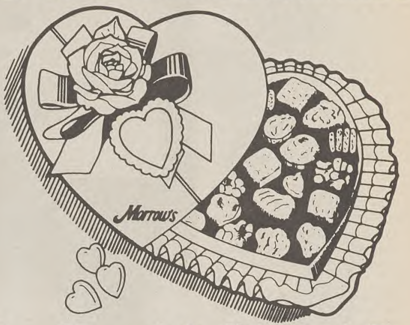

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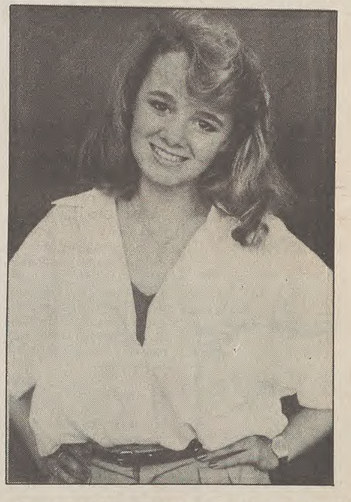

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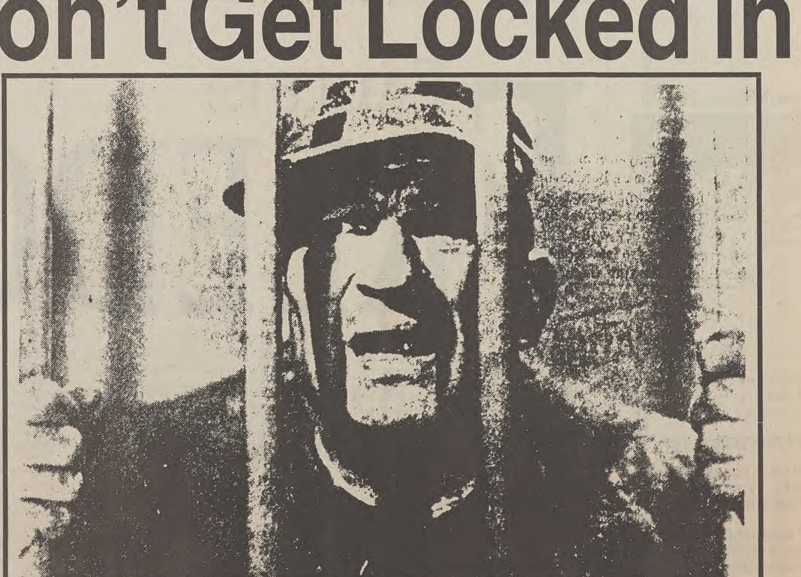

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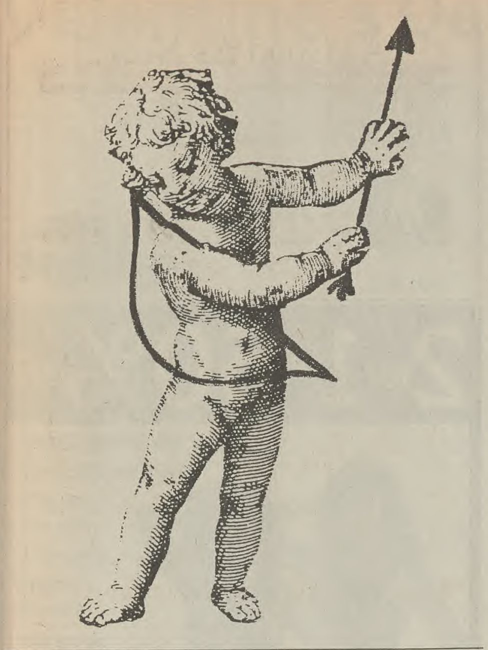

By CINDY WILLIAMS
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Cupid. The mischievous Roman god of love, forever enshrined in mythology as a cherubic, arrow-slinging infant, bent on matchmaking the entire human species as he sees fit.

I caught up with Cupid one afternoon in Provo. As I drove by Deseret Towers, I could see the waif levitating outside an open fifth-floor window. Taking careful aim, he shot one of his flaming arrows into the dorm.

A direct hit.

It wasn't easy getting Cupid to agree to an interview. As a rule, he generally keeps to himself — an ironic twist for someone in his particular business.

Nonetheless, he agreed to answer a few questions and soon we were seated in the Cougareat, talking over a plate of nachos. Disguised as an ordinary child in designer jeans and sweatshirt, he was indiscernible.

"This is one of my favorite places," he said, looking around with an angelic smile.

"How so?" I queried.

He gave a little giggle and said, "I do my best business here, especially around lunchtime.

"With so many students in one place, I can shoot one arrow, have it ricochet and WHAM! before you know it, half the people in the Cougareat are infected."

"What do you mean, 'infected'?" I asked with alarm. "What's with the arrows — are they poisoned?"

Again he laughed. "Some people think so. Actually, it's a trade secret I can't divulge. But when I say infected, I mean infatuated, twitterpated." Seeing the obvious confusion in my face, he rolled his eyes and said with a sigh, "You know, the big 'L' word."

"Oh, you mean love," I said.

"Yeah, love. I probably shoot more arrows in a day around here than I do in an entire year other places," he said, biting into a cheese-covered chip.

"Do you ever miss?" I asked curiously.

He smiled and thought for a moment. "My aim has improved quite a bit since the beginning. But I remember one time, back in the 18th century, when I aimed for an English farmer working in his field and ended up hitting his cow, instead." Cupid shook his head and chuckled. "There never was a more devoted cow in all the British Isles."

I laughed. There was something about the little guy that intrigued me.

"So," I said, trying to sound nonchalant, "how long have you been in this business?"

He shrugged. "I guess since the day I was born. My mother, Aphrodite, was kind of into the love business ... I just carried on the tradition.

"Actually, although a lot of people thought I was a pest in those days, I was really trying to teach the Greek and Roman people that there was more to us mythological characters than the philanderings of Zeus and Mother."

I raised one eyebrow. I wasn't sure if this information was printable for the newspaper.

"What exactly do you mean?" I asked bravely.

"What else?" he replied. "With the crazy things all those gods and godesses were doing, not to mention the human race, I had to do something to reintroduce love back into the vocabulary." He smiled. "Thus, the arrows, hearts, flowers and all the rest of the stuff. Actually, I just introduce the love part of it — the humans do the rest."

"Some of them get pretty sappy, especially around Valentine's Day," I remarked.

"Yeah, but that's part of the fun. It's a busy season for me — just like Santa Claus at Christmas and the Easter Bunny at Easter," Cupid said.

"Don't you work all year long?" I asked.

He laughed. "Sure, but Valentine's Day is big business for me."

"Valentine's Day and Preference," he added with a sly grin.

Our interview was winding down; the nachos were gone. I noticed Cupid packing up his bow and quiver, and I knew I only had time for one more question.

"Okay, Cupid," I said, gathering up my notebook and things, "if you could fall in love with anyone, who would it be?"

"I'll never tell," he said with a smile, as he turned on his Walkman and slipped into the crowd.

Earth, Mars see closest rendezvous in generation

Miami (AP) — This year, Mars makes its closest approach to Earth in a generation, and astronomers say the red planet's appearance in the night sky may be the astronomical event of 1988.

As if to demonstrate the heavens have a sense of humor, the height of the snow comes in September, just shy of the 50th anniversary of Orsom Welles' 1938 "War of the Worlds" broadcast that panicked the nation with fictional reports of invaders from Mars.

"I see 1988 as a great Martian adventure," said Jack Horkheimer, the aptly named "Star Hustler" of the Public Broadcasting System and executive director of Miami's Space Transit Planetarium. "I'm like a kid in a candy store."

When Mars is at its closest on Sept. 21 — just over 36 million miles away — it will rival Jupiter as the brightest object in the sky after the Moon and Venus.

"It won't be this close again until 2003," says Horkheimer. "And there are a lot of kids out there who have never seen it this bright."

Unlike the comets Halley and Kohoutek, Mars will not disappoint viewers, because its brightness is more predictable and the planet will be easily visable from almost everywhere.

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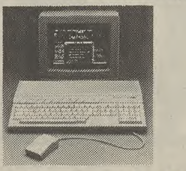

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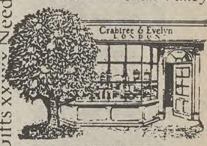

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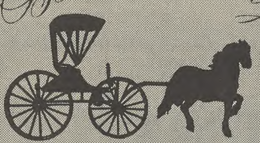

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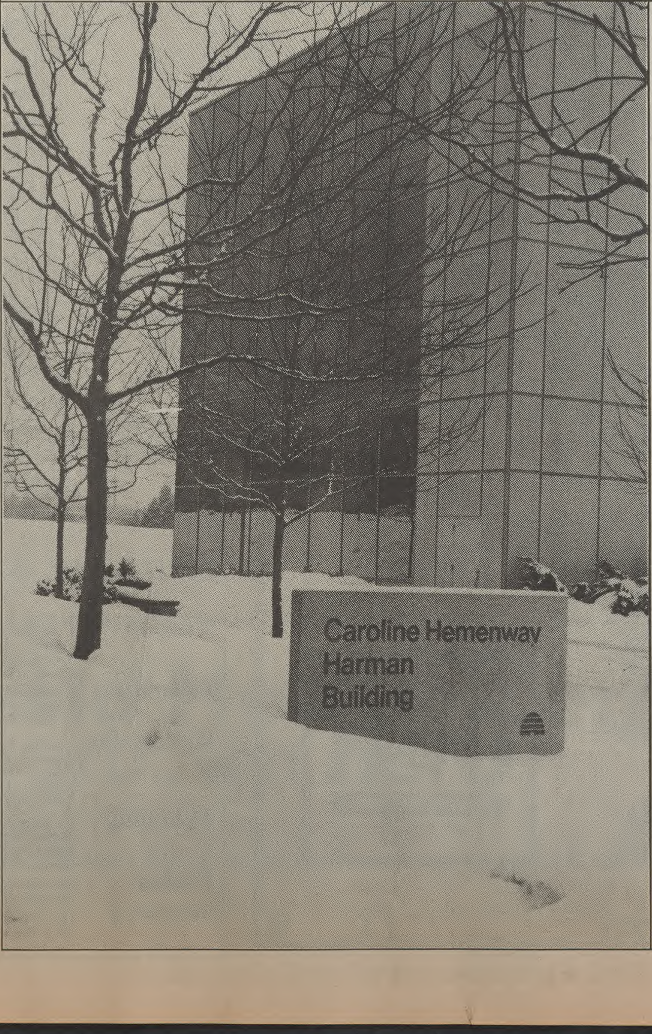

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Mono can make kissing dangerous

By TERI JENKS
Universe Staff Writer

For most students, fatigue and stress are facts of life. But when they become overwhelming, the culprit may be mononucleosis.

Infectious mononucleosis, often referred to as the kissing disease, is caused by a virus. How it is transmitted is unknown, said Dr. Lynn L. Bateman, a Provo internist.

"It's thought that it can be transmitted through close intimate contact," such as kissing, he said.

Other methods also thought to spread the disease are coughing or sneezing, according to Dr. M. Lyman Moody, who specializes in internal medicine.

The symptoms of mononucleosis are as varied as the virus. They include tiredness, weight loss, lethargy, headache, sore throat, abdominal pain and enlargement of the lymph glands, said Dr. Bateman.

Fever and abnormal liver function are also indications that a person may have contracted the virus.

Although mononuleosis is not highly contagious, during the incubation period, it can be transmitted. The disease is contracted in intensities ranging from mild to severe. A mild case of mononucleosis may go undetected even with a blood test.

Basically everybody has the mono virus at some time in their life when they're younger or going through a stressful period, said Dr. Bateman.

Some people have mild cases of mono when they are younger, and for others, the virus flares up when they get older.

Tracy Young, a senior from Honolulu, Hawaii majoring in advertising, contracted the virus two years ago. Her condition is now chronic.

"When I got sick, I was trying to be superwoman, involved with school and church callings," she said. "I never got very much sleep and wasn't taking very good care of myself."

Stress also contributes to the disease, she said. "It taxes you and you get tired. If I didn't eat enough, I would lose control. My head would get too heavy and it would just lay on my shoulders," said Young.

If severe enough, the virus can also interfere with everyday routines of work and school. "I was supposed to graduate last December," said Young. "Now I won't finish school until April of 1989."

Young takes 11 credit hours when she is not working. Now that she works, she takes only eight or nine credit hours to still get enough sleep.

"To just function like a normal person, I need about 10 hours of sleep per day. If I got eight for a week, I would get sick.

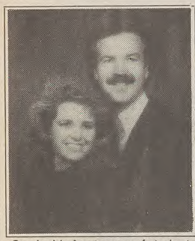
"Now, I can't function unless I have about nine hours a night per week with naps," said Young.

"Probably the worst thing that would get a person, besides being tired, is depression," she said. "I get depressed because I'm not an active person like I used to be. I feel like my life is on hold."

The treatment for this exhaustive disease is symptomatic. There are no medications that you can treat mononucleosis with, said Dr. Bateman.

"It's best to get plenty of rest, eat good, nutritional foods and avoid any contact-type sports," he said. Bed rest is important to the prevention of spleen rupture or other spleen or liver complications.

"I try to eat right, get enough sleep and pace myself," said Young.



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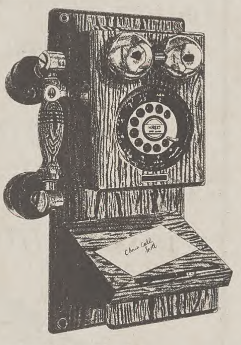

Low grades, big bills and no money.

Long distance relationships are harsh and sometimes damaging. But there are still many couples who try to make these relationships work.

"Being apart is great, because when we're apart, I can think seriously about our relationship. But when we're together, it makes the times we spend together more precious," said Brian Morrow, a freshman from Wells, Nev., majoring in communications.

Other people have other ways of keeping a long distance relationship together.

"We have a mutual understanding – never talk about each other's social affairs," said Michelle Davis, a freshman majoring in interior design from Houston, Texas. Her boyfriend attends Texas A&M.

According to Davis, another mutual understanding they have is that they can date other people while they are apart. "It has its ups and downs, but it all works out for the best," said Davis.

Many couples who have a long distance relationship close the gap by calling.

"During the spring and summer I spent about a $80 a month on phone calls," said David Hartley, a sophomore majoring in political science from Denver, Colo.

Phone bills skyrocket when the couple is first separated. But after the first phone bill, the necessity of restraint is usually enforced by the amount of the bill.

"After a couple of large phone bills I soon became very familiar with phone discounts and the best hours to call," said Hartley.

Another way to close the physical distance of a couple is by writing a lot of letters. But feelings are sometimes very hard to communicate through letters.

" In writing letters, its hard to understand what the person is really saying," said Becky Scott, a sophomore majoring in physical education from San Jose, Calif.

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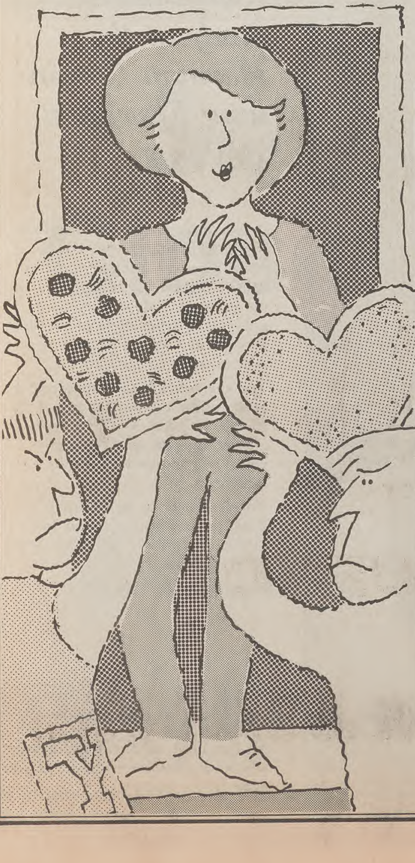

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Valentine's Day means cards

By ANITA PIERCE
Asst. Monday Editor

Each time Valentine's Day rolls around do you feel like Charlie Brown wondering if you will receive a card from your red-headed girl friend or boy friend?

Valentine's Day is the second largest card selling holiday of the year. According to Jody Roberts, marketing and public relations coordinator for American Greetings, the most popular recipients of valentines are in this order: teachers, children, mothers, wives and sweethearts.

The number of Valentine cards to be exchanged this year is estimated to be one billion. With this kind of an estimate your chances are much greater than you might suspect.

Although with any greeting card 90 percent are usually bought by women, during Valentine's Day a larger percentage of men buy cards that are more expensive and ornate.

"Men are also last minute shoppers, coming in the day of or the day before to get the cards and gifts," said Roberts.

She added that because Valentine's Day is a romantic holiday and many people want to show their sweethearts they love them, they don't want to be known for sending a cheap Valentine.

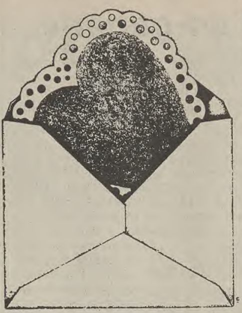
Buying valentines is nothing new. The first kinds of greeting cards came from Europe as postcards with art and paintings on them. They were only printed for very special occassions and were very expensive.

Cards are now available for all occasions. It is an industry that is very competitive because of the constant search for new ideas and originality.

In the early 1900s two men discovered a need in society for a creative way to communicate. Both men started to sell and distribute postcards, one from a horse-drawn wagon and the other from a shoebox at the Y.M.C.A. The trend took hold, so both began to create more personalized postcards. "It only took five years for the Hall brothers to start a new business of the two-fold cards. With $25 the three Hall brothers built Hall Brothers Cards and expanded from there," said Jim Mallett, Hallmark account executive.

Jacob Sapirstein, founder of American Greetings depended on Germany to get his postcards. "When the World War I embargo took place it created the demand to have cards produced here," said Roberts.

Roberts said that Sapirstein started a company with his son Irving called Sapirstein Greeting Card Company.



These two companies began making the greeting cards at a price the average consumer could afford.

According to Mallett, since telephone long distance was not available at that time, the greeting cards opened a stronger avenue for long distance communication.

Along with the seasonal cards both companies realized the evident trend for everyday cards of all occasions. In 1938 the Sapirstein company changed their name to its well known name of American Greetings. In 1954 the Hall brothers came up with their name of Hallmark. "This was taken from the definition meaning a cornerstone or opitomy of something, an ideal model," said Mallett.

Other card companies have become part of this field of competition. One, which called itself Moodz and lasted for approximatly 5 years, created a variation of cards. After not much success the company started over from scratch with the new name of Elephanz. "In order for us to be successful in the market, we want to create cards that have a long life of giveableness. Ones that will appeal to both sexes. That is why we create animals," said Ron Hershey, founder of Elephanz Cards.

He said that animals such as turtles, frogs, rabbits and pigs and other objects such as peanuts and pencils don't portray a sex.

"The kind of cards we create are usually love, friendship and humor. Our style is to make the cards applicable to those people who are dating and also to those who are married." Hershey said, "We try to make them intensely personal but with a back door so that depending on the persons situation as much or as little can be read into them."

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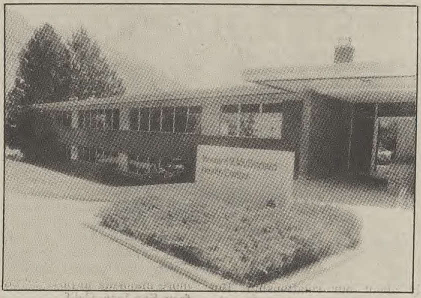

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It's the perfect time to give a gift

Roses are most traditional

By CAMILLE GOODRICH
Universe Staff Writer

Whether it's soft and silky, wild and wicked, cute and cuddly, palatable or passionate, a traditional Valentine's Day gift is intended to give its recipient a special message.

Traditionally, Valentine's Day is a day set aside as a lovers' festival. It is a secular folk holiday observed informally in Great Britain, Canada, and the United States by sending messages of endearment or gifts expressing affection, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The most traditional gift is the valentine, which, according to the Britannica, dates back to the 16th century and is probably the first of all greeting cards.

Other traditional gifts include chocolate, stuffed animals, flowers, jewelry, balloons and candy.

"Traditional gifts will always be candy, cards and stuffed animals," said Darlene Noel, a salesclerk in the BYU Bookstore, "or anything that says 'I love you' or that expressed sentiment of that type."

According to Memorie Stanton, a clerk at a Provo floral store, "Probably the number one gift is red roses — long and medium stemmed," she said. Balloon bouquets are also common, she added.

"A lot of people buy rings, earrings, necklaces and pendants in 14-karat gold, with diamonds or cubic zirconias — and most want them in heart shapes," according to Joyce Healy, a salesclerk in an Orem department store.

Figurines with cupids or hearts that have something to do with Valentine's Day are other traditional gifts, said Nola Grotegut, a merchandising assistant in the store.

Another salesclerk at an Orem gift shop, Lisa Carlson, listed gigantic Valentines, heart-shaped balloons, mugs, chocolate kisses, red or chocolate roses and stuffed animals as popular traditional gifts.

> "Probably the number one gift is long stemmed redroses."
> —Memorie Stanton

"My mom always sends me cute little valentine gifts with candy or clothes," said Valerie Staffanson, a senior from Hayward, Calif., majoring in communications.

"I think flowers are always really good for boys or girls. Everyone loves flowers," said Sandie Williams, a sophomore from Pheonix, Ariz., majoring in physical education. "My parents always send me flowers on Valentine's Day," she added.

Jillene Sargent, a junior majoring in English, from Villa Park, Calif., said, "Well, for an untraditional gift I'm giving a copy of Hugh Nibley's "Patriarchy and Matriarchy" to a friend of mine — and maybe a kiss too, if he's lucky."

Walter Norton, a BYU professor in Church History, said for he and his wife, "It's not so much as a gift as just something we do. We like to go out to dinner and then go dancing," he said.

Give anything un-generic

By LORIE FUNK
Universe Staff Writer

Come on, this is the eighties. A box of chocolates and a few carnations just won't do this Valentine's Day. Get creative.

Every student on campus has been through at least 18 seasons of conversation hearts and red construction paper with doilies. While chocolates and balloon bouquets were once the rage, times have changed. Now the exotic, the imaginative and the innovative must emerge for this holiday celebration.

To begin one's quest for the perfectly unique gift, one must consider the personality of his/her valentine. What's are his likes and pet peeves? What are her hobbies?

> Women love things in 14 karat gold, especially with .90 point diamonds.

For some men, a new pair of basketball shoes may sweep him off his feet. Still another may think rehairing his violin bow is utterly romantic.

Andrea Ludlow, the personal shopper for Nordstrom in Salt Lake, discovered a few gifts that were non-traditional for this year's season.

"How about something that hints toward spring?" she said. Nordstrom has pastel watches, sunglasses, pastel and plaid ties, cotton sweaters, swimsuits and beach umbrellas and chairs for unisex tastes.

To get more personal, consider the character of your valentine. How about rubber bands for the aerobic fanatic in your life? How about flannel sheets for long winter nights? Jewelry boxes, lace hose, silky pajamas and summer sandals were a few more suggestion from Ludlow.

It's a proven fact women will love anything in 14 karat gold, especially if it has a few simple .90 point diamonds insets.

For male valentines, a chic gift is a little more difficult. Food is always an alternative, especially to college boys who live on Top Ramen and hot dogs from 7-Eleven. Although they will eat any type of chocolate, Godiva is best. Void this idea if your boyfriend is serving any mission in Switzerland.

Some of Ludlow's gift ideas for men include boxers with hearts on them, wallets or a photo in a great frame.

A subtle gift that will please both of you is a tanning salon membership. Not to drop hints or anything, but a little color will improve the day-glow of skin to a point less than embarassing.

If you're more the quiet, romantic type, IN magazine suggests that taking a quiet drive and reading romantic novels (especially the good parts) to each other are choice ways to spend Valentine's Day.

Nearly 850 million cards are sent nationally in February. What a dry idea for a potentially enticing day.

Whatever your gift, think of specifics and avoid the generic.

Send flowers to him or fix her dinner. But don't forget to say "I love you".

A few things that are never out of style, no matter how traditional: long stemmed roses, the symphony, holding hands and kisses at the door.

Love songs apparent in all aspects of music

By MICHELLE MELENDEZ
Senior Reporter

This is a world inundated by music. When it comes to the love song department, the list is endless. Just about any song on the market could be construed as a love song if one stretched his or her imagination.

And the funny thing is, all contemporary composers seem to possess every bit of possible knowledge on the subject of love. From Motley Crue to Olivia Newton-John, love songs can make us cry, they can make us smile, and they can even make us gag. The surest way to make it in the music industry is to release your version of love, whether it be "Love Me 'til I Puke" or "My Darling Sweetheart."

Some of the best love music out right now is not on the Top 40 charts, but instead in the jazz area. Musicians like Kenny G and David Sanborn create the kind of atmosphere any Whitney Houston song destroys.

Prepubescent music by teenagers barely old enough to date have ruined those captivating tales of romance. The sappy, sickening lyrics are worse than a ride through the "It's a Small World" castle at Disneyland.

Tiffany, mall queen of the 80s and recent graduate of puberty, draws from her vast experience of 16 years to soothe our searing hearts, with her inviting "I Think We're Alone Now."

According to Bill Kesley, a disc jockey at a local radio station, the top requested songs are "Never Thought," by Dan Hill; "I Just Can't Stay Away From You," by Miami Sound Machine; "Is This Love," by Whitesnake; and "Endless Love," by Richard Marx.

Most of these songs are requested by those much maligned teenagers.

And if these musicians can't come up with an idea on their own, we can always count on the movies to supply us with a cornucopia of maudlin love saccharine.

You know, the ones that leave a bitter taste in your mouth. "Dirty Dancing" pathetically vaulted "I Had The Time Of My Life" to fame, as did "Karate Kid II's" "The Glory of Love" by Peter Cetera.

And there are also the favorite instrumentals like "Somewhere In Time," "Out of Africa" and "Man From Snowy River" that have spawned many engagements.

Every style of music creates its own insipid form of love. Most easy listening-type music like Billy Joel's "Just the Way You Are" and "She's Always A Woman" roseate the music scenario.

But then there are the groups whose views of love you just can't stop laughing at such as country's "Mama He's Crazy, Crazy 'bout Me" by the Judds and reggae's UB40 with "I Got You Babe."

And there is the good music that leaves the message "Boy wants girl for only one reason, and girl's too tough to care" like Anita Baker or Eurythmics, and modern music selections such as Depeche Mode's "A Question of Lust" and The Cult's "She Sells Sanctuary."

And if nothing else, we can always rely on the old Addam Swapp favorite, "Torn Between Two Lovers."

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Couples can find many avenues in planning

Weddings can be expensive or simple

By KRISTEN K. ROPER
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Magazines, invitations, books, rings and especially money are a few things you will need if you want to get married.

The mood is perfect. They're walking in the moonlight. Suddenly he sits her down on a bench and gets down on one knee. "Will you marry me?" he says as they gaze into each other's eyes. "Oh, yes!"

If you dream of this happening to you, you might want to think again after considering all the time and money that goes into planning a wedding.

The first thing the couple looks at are rings. Rings can run from $50 into the thousands. Diamonds are priced according to the cut, color, clarity and carat-weight. According to local jewelers, the best thing to do is shop around and see what styles you like and how much you would like to spend.

Next comes the funnest and most time-consuming part — planning the wedding and reception. Announcements and thank you's range from around $10 to almost $100 per 100 announcements and from $9 to $50 per 100 for a thank you.

You may also need enclosures for the announcements, inviting guests to another event such as the temple ceremony or an open house.

If you're planning on attendants at your wedding, you must decide on colors, dresses, tuxedos, accessories and flowers.

Bridesmaid dresses can be sewn or bought. Sewing them all yourself or having each girl sew her own is time-consuming, but will save money. Most patterns cost around $5 and material can be found on sale for around $3 a yard. Purchased dresses cost between $40 and $150.

Wedding dresses range from about $100 into the thousands, depending upon kind of material, amount of material, hand work done, extras like lace and beads, etc.

Tuxedos range from $20 to $65 to rent, depending on the style of tux.

Receptions can be a major expense. Of course, there is always the parents' backyard and the church cultural hall.

Most reception halls offer additional services. According to Gary Nelson, owner of Colonial House Reception Center in Lehi, he charges $295 for a reception. This includes things like decorations, tables, cake knife, feathered pen and clean-up afterwards.

According to Tim Morganson, co-owner of the Pullman Inn in Provo, they charge $285 and include tables and tablecloths.

They can also arrange for extras like centerpieces, food, music, photography and will give you a complimentary stay and breakfast at the inn.

However, the reception is more than just a place for everyone to stand and receive guests. Photos must be taken, cake and possibly other food served, music played and gifts received.

Cake can run anywhere from $18 for a very small cake to $400 for a large fancy cake.

If you would like to serve food, you may want to hire a caterer. They can charge from $1.20 a plate and up. You can have a sit-down dinner or just snacks.

Caterers can also help you with everything else in your wedding.

Pat Lewis, co-owner of Lewis Catering in Orem, said she can do just about anything for a wedding. The company has different packages for decorations for the receptions ranging from $60 to $229.

If you want to remember what your reception looked like, a photographer is a must.

Most studios have packages where you pick the photos you like from proofs and they print up a certain number. These range in price from $150 to $800 or more depending on how many you want.

You could also have your wedding and reception videotaped for around $75.

Other wedding expenses include the honeymoon, wedding breakfast or rehearsal dinner and setting up an apartment.

Now that you've seen how much a wedding *can* cost, wouldn't you like to know how to *save* money?

Lewis suggested having your wedding in the summer and the reception outside.

Lewis also suggested borrowing a slip or veil for the bride and using silk flowers if you are having two receptions.

Kosann Everett, owner of Everett Photo and Floral in Orem, said, "Compare prices, ask questions and get all the details," she said.

"Find out what you are getting for your money. Don't get pushed into something. Make sure you will get quality work for your money."

Everett also said to get a quality photographer no matter what. "If there is one thing I wouldn't skimp on, it's the photographer."

Statistics look grim for temple marriages

By VALERIE P. SAVAGE and LAURIE FLICK
Universe Staff Writers

Romance is what Valentine's Day is all about. America stresses keeping romance alive, but this could be a cause of divorce, said an associate professor of sociology.

"The divorce rate has gone drastically up nationally," said Tim Heaton, an associate professor of sociology. Some scholars say it is because romance is highly stressed in the United States. When romance goes out of the marriage, many turn to divorce.

Countries where marriages are arranged with emphasis on duty and children rather than romance have a lower divorce rate, said Heaton, who studies demographics — the study of the age, gender and marital status of a population.

Although the ideal LDS family structure consists of a mother and father united by temple marriage, Heaton estimates that one-third of all LDS couples will divorce.

Although Moromonism should be fiercely defended, its limitations should also be recognized, said Heaton in a recent Family Living Lecture.

During the lecture, Heaton said temple marriage is what most LDS members are desiring — but the limitations to achieve temple marriage are tremendous.

The reason for these limitations is that in the United States, there is a total of 93 men to every 100 women. There are more male than female births, but girls live longer, he said.

"Twenty percent of Mormon women will not be married if they are looking for active Mormon men," said Heaton in his lecture.

"In the Mormon Church we also tend to convert more women than men. And women tend to be more religious than men," he said. Especially in the mission field, there are more active women than men.

According to one study, 31 percent of all LDS households have temple marriages, 16 percent have non-temple marriages and 21 percent are part-member families.

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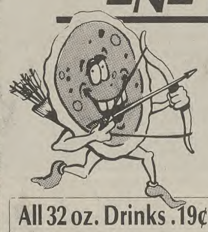

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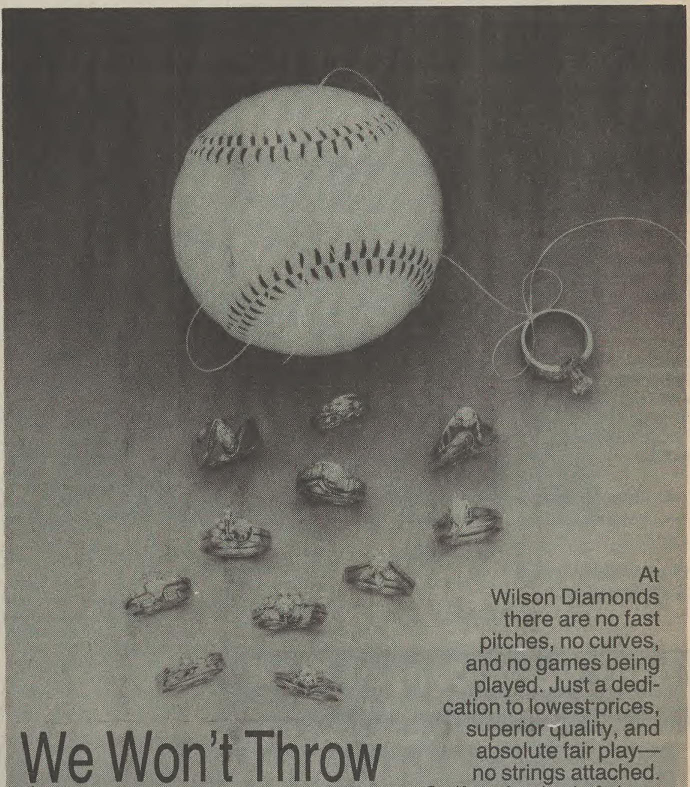

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SPORTS

UAB hands BYU its first loss

By KEVIN J. NIENDORF
Asst. Sports Editor

WAC Basketball Standings

Team	Conference	Percent	Overall	Percent
BYU	7-0	1.000	17-1	.944
Utah	5-3	.625	13-7	.650
Wyoming	6-4	.600	17-4	.810
UTEP	6-4	.600	17-6	.739
New Mexico	5-5	.500	17-8	.680
Colorado St.	3-4	.429	12-7	.632
Air Force	4-6	.400	10-10	.500
San Diego St.	2-6	.250	9-11	.450
Hawaii	1-7	.125	2-17	.105

The BYU Men's Basketball team failed to do two things Saturday night in Alabama as the Blazers of UAB whipped the Cougars 102-83 in non-conference competition.

First, win their 18th consecutive game to remain the only undefeated team in major college basketball. Second, seal up a probable No. 1 ranking in the country. As a result of No. 1 Arizona and No. 2 UNLV losing, BYU had never been closer to being named "the best team in college basketball" with a win over UAB.

However, the season isn't over yet.

The game opened with BYU missing its first three shots of the game — layups, that is.

"We didn't draw any iron," said BYU Head Coach Ladell Andersen of BYU's opening shots. "Of the ones we missed we weren't even close. We're talking things that you could slam-dunk.

"The mark of our team has been a good-shooting team, it's not like us to miss that many good close-in shots."

BYU's cold shooting spell lasted for the first seven minutes of the game with the Cougars hitting just 2 of 9 shots from the field.

However, the Cougars fought back and eventually tied the game and took the lead for the first time at the two-minute mark of the first half. The teams exchanged the lead twice more before the half ended on a last-second, three-point conversion by UAB to put them up by two points at the half.

"I thought that was the big hoop of the game," said Andersen. "That meant a lot as the game moved on into the second half." BYU had never trailed at the half in a game this season.

As the second half began, UAB hit some key shots early which helped them to maintain a four to six point lead. The Blazers then started to pull away from the Cougars at the 13-minute mark. Again, BYU was missing on the inside shot.

The Cougars then hit another dry spell and over the next five minutes didn't score. At this point, the Cougars had hit just three of 14 shots in the second half.

The result — a 19 point UAB lead with nine minutes remaining in the game.

But the Cougars came back with a run which included three-point shots by Smith, Brian Taylor and Marty Haws.

With just under four minutes left in the game, the Cougars had cut the 19-point deficit to seven.

"I thought we were going to win it," said Andersen, "I thought we still had a chance. But they came up with some clutch shots and made some great free-throws.

"When that started to happen, I felt we were just too far down to get back in the ball game."

It was UAB's free-throws which hurt BYU as they tried to get back in the game by fouling. UAB hit 22 of their 26 free-throw attempts on the game.

BYU missed some key shots to keep the run going in the final two minutes and the game turned into a slam-dunking contest with the majority of the participants being from UAB.

UAB guard Reginald Turner had the game of his life against BYU hitting a career high 24 points, 18 in the first half alone.

Two other UAB players also scored over 20 points while BYU's Michael Smith had 21 points. Guard Brian Taylor came off the bench to also hit his career high points in a game with 19.

BYU as a team hit just 42 percent from the field on the night, the lowest percentage this year.

"I hate to be the team that plays us next," said Andersen, "that's what I think about our club. I still think we're one of the best teams in the country."

UAB Head Coach Gene Bartow agreed. "I think this team should have been the No. 1 team for the past two weeks. I would, maybe, still call them the No. 1 team," he said.

Cougars defeat Rams; press clinches victory

By KIMBERLY WHITING
Universe Sports Writer

The BYU Women's Basketball Team defeated Colorado State University, 75-73, in a brutal game Saturday night in the Marriott Center.

Coach Courtney Leishman started the game with a full-court press that caused the Rams to turn the ball over 28 times, 14 times in the first half.

Leishman, who doesn't normally like to press because he said it wears the team out so quickly, pressed almost the entire game. He said the team needed to practice the press.

"Nineteen assists for us, 28 turnovers for them, that's what I like to see," said Leishman. Junior forward Tanise Chung-Hoon, who had eight points and six steals for the night, lead in assists with five, followed by junior guard Karina Zapata with four.

In a fast-paced first half in which the lead changed hands many times, defense was the key in inflicting turnovers and keeping the pressure on. Offensively, the Cougars had a slow start. They shot 47.1 percent from the field and only 25 percent from the line.

The Cougars kept the pressure on and kept the game close up until the last two minutes of the half when the Rams cut loose and came up with eight unanswered points to make the score 33-40 at halftime.

CSU's Lori Tollinger had 14 points in the first half, but good defense in the second half held her to one three pointer, to give her a total of 17 points.

Senior forward Cathy Nixon lead the Cougars in scoring with 23 points, she also lead in rebounds with seven. Freshman forward Scarlett Overly contributed 22 points, 12 of which came in the first half. "I played a lot better than I did Thursday night," Overly said. Overly had eight points Thursday night against Wyoming.

The second half started with the Cougars popping in eight unanswered points as they regained the lead. The Cougars never led by more than four points.

Free throws played a critical part in the Cougars' win. They shot a hot 90.9 percent from the line in the second half. Susan Shumway shot 4-4 from the line, Nixon had 5-5 and Zapata 2-2 to keep the Cougars on top.

Like Thursday's game, the second half proved to be the key in BYU's victory. "In the second half we realized we needed to play together as a team," said Shumway. With 33 seconds left Shumway was fouled, and shooting under pressure, she connected on both shots, making the score 73-69.

The Rams came back with two points from their high scorer, junior forward Jodi Robers. Robers had 20 points in the game. With eight seconds left, Shumway was again fouled and she contributed two more points from the line, making it 75-71.

With one second on the clock, Robers attempted a three pointer, but was barely over the line. Her shot was good for two more for the Rams, making the final score 75-73.

"We're one step closer to where we want to be," said Nixon.

Cougars get mixed results in national tennis action

By ANTON GARRITY
Universe Sports Writer

Among the top tennis players in the country, the No. 11-ranked doubles team of Susanna Lee and Sydney Fulford shined for the Cougars over the weekend in Minneapolis at the ITCA National Indoor Championships.

Lee and Fulford upset the No. 10-ranked O'Reilly twins from Duke, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, followed by a 7-6 (7-5) victory over Shaun Stafford and Holly Danforth of Florida in the round of 16.

In the quarterfinals of the main doubles draw, Lee and Fulford lost 6-4, 6-4 in a two and one-half hour match to Tamaka Takagi and Sonia Haun of Kentucky, the No. 2 team in the nation.

BYU Head Coach Ann Valentine was pleased with their play. "Susanna and Sydney played solid, solid doubles throughout the tournament. They came on like gangbusters. They did everything they could to win," said Valentine.

In other play, David Harkness of the men's team, fell to No. 1-ranked Scott Melville of the University of Southern California, and in Friday's consolation round lost 7-6, 3-6, 7-6 to Brett Garnett of South Western Louisiana University.

"David did okay, but I've seen him play better," said BYU Coach Larry Hall.

For the women, the Cougars' No. 1-rated duo of Lesley Hakala and Michelle Taylor were upset by Jackie Holden and Claire Pollard of Mississippi State, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6.

However, they advanced to the finals in the consolation bracket before losing 7-6 (11-9), 6-4 to Wood and Waniek of Oklahoma State.

Lee ended up with the heaviest workload of the Cougar players.

She met the nation's top-ranked player, Anne Grousbeck of Texas, in the first round coming up short 7-6 (7-3), 7-5.

Lee then advanced to the semifinals before losing to Ronnie Reis, who is ranked No. 2 nationally.

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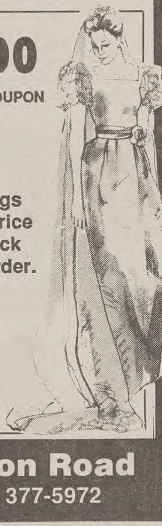

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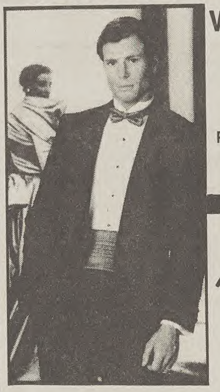

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Swimmers, divers split season records

By KIMBERLY WHITING
Universe Sports Writer

The BYU Men's Swimming and Diving Team defeated Air Force Academy 109-108 and then traveled to Wyoming where they lost 117-98, while the women's team had victories over Colorado State University 135-133 and Wyoming 121-95 on the road this weekend.

Senior Jin Gee Oon was a triple winner against Air Force. He won the 200-meter freestyle in 1:43.51, the 100-meter freestyle in 47.24 and swam the first leg in the winning 400-meter freestyle relay. Freshman Enrique Gonzalez, senior Kip Twitchell and junior Kurt Dickson were the other members of the winning relay team.

Other winners for BYU were Dickson in the 500-meter freestyle, junior Rob Doman in the 200-meter backstroke, junior Terry Livingston in the 200-meter individual medley, freshman Ng Yue Meng in the 200-meter breaststroke and the 400-meter medley relay team of Doman, Yue Meng, senior Jin Teik Oon and Twitchell.

According to BYU coach Tim Powers, Yue Meng's victory in the 200-meter breaststroke was critical because BYU was behind seven points after the diving events were completed.

For the women, Provo High School sophomore Christi Harris and BYU senior Sandra Verbanatz scored quadruple victories in BYU's two-point upset over High Country Athletic Conference defending champion CSU in Fort Collins Friday, 135-133.

Harris, a prep All-American, won the 100- and 200-meter butterfly events, and swam a leg on BYU's winning 200-meter medley relay and 400-meter freestyle teams.

Verbanatz upset CSU's All-American Val Lang to win both the 100-and 200-meter breaststroke, missing the NCAA cut in the 200-meter by eight-tenths of a second. Verbanatz also won the 200-meter individual medley and was a member of the winning 200-meter medley relay team.

"This was the greatest dual we've ever swam," said BYU coach Stan Crump. "And it was the most fantastic finish. The meet came down to the wire with the 400 freestyle relay event with BYU one point behind. The winner of the relay would win the meet. We outswam them by less than a tenth of a second."

Members of the winning 400-meter freestyle relay team were Harris, Sorensen, junior Rochelle Smith and freshman Kim Killman. Sophomore Kenna Sorensen, swimming the 500-meter freestyle for only the third time, barely beat HCAC defending champion Cathy Florowski.

Freshman K.C. Kline won the 100- and 200-meter backstrokes and was a member of the winning 200-meter medley relay team.

The BYU diving team competed without freshman Courtney Nelson who is in Florida at a national qualifying meet. Junior Chris Wilson won the 1-meter board and teammate sophomore Stephanie Siggard won the 3-meter board against CSU and Wyoming. The women's victories this weekend lift their record to 9-1 while the men's record stands at 4-3 in dual meets.

East boasts 138-133 victory over West; Jordan named MVP in 38th All-Star game

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan followed up his NBA slam-dunk title with a Most Valuable Player performance in the All-Star Game Sunday, scoring 40 points as the East defeated the West 138-133.

Dominique Wilkins, Jordan's slam-dunk rival in Saturday's competition that went down to Jordan's final dunk, was barely overshadowed again as he scored 29 for the East, which now leads the series 25-13.

The East built a 15-point lead in the fourth quarter, although Jordan sat out for eight minutes with foul trouble. The West got no closer than the final margin after that as Jordan returned to score 16 points in the final 5:50.

Jordan, the unanimous MVP after hitting 17 of 23 field goal shots, was only two points shy of the All-Star record of 42 by Wilt Chamberlain in 1962. He more than doubled his total of 18 in two previous All-Star appearances.

Karl Malone led the West with 22 points, Akeem Olajuwon had 21 and Lafayette Lever scored 17.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 10 points and became the all-time leading All-Star scorer with 247 points in 17 appearances.l

Magic Johnson had 17 points and 19 assists for the West.

The West, which trailed by as many as 10 points in the first half, got two three-point plays from Johnson to close the deficit to 78-75 with 6:43 left in the third quarter. Jordan went out with his fourth foul at that point, but the East went on an 18-8 run to regain control. Wilkins had three baskets and Danny Ainge two 3-pointers during that spurt.

Ainge had his third 3-pointer and Doc Rivers hit a free throw, giving the East a 109-94 lead with 9:16 remaining, and Jordan's return moments later helped assure the East of the victory.

Jordan scored 18 points in the first half as the East opened a 60-54 halftime lead.

The East spent the first quarter playing catch-up, tying the score four times but never taking the lead.

Malone, making his first All-Star appearance, scored eight points in the first 8:05, lifting the West to its largest lead, 24-16. A 9-2 spurt by the East made it 26-25 before Clyde Drexler scored six points in less than two minutes as the West gained a 34-27 lead with 11:37 left in the half.

Tracksters snag wins

By ANTON GARRITY
Universe Sports Writer

Among 13 teams that competed at the Mountain States Classic held in the Minidome at Idaho State University, both BYU's Men's and Women's Indoor Track Teams came away victorious.

The women set four BYU records, two by newcomers.

Michelle Du Toit, a senior from Durban, South Africa, set a new mark in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.04.

Maxine Scringer, a sophomore from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, finished second in the 400-meters with a 55.31 clocking, both breaking records of 7.11, and 56.19 respectively.

A 200-meter dash record was also set by Kelly Delph (25.25) and the 4 by 400 relay team of Kathy Gordon, Michelle Du Toit, Stephanie Packham and Maxine Scringer broke a three-year-old record with a time of 3:49.05.

For the men, Jay Woods, a former Cougar distance runner, won the mile in 4:08.73 with Ted Mecham coming in second at 4:11.34.

Also a former Cougar runner, Wes Ashford, won the 3000-meter run in 8:07.11 with Dave Chipman second (8:12.60) and Cougars Larry Smithee (8:16.2) and Paul Rosser (8:20.5) placing fourth and fifth.

Freshman Tim Hesse, won the 400-meter finals, coming in at 47.40.

Grapplers defeat Cal-State Fullerton to increase record

By BRADY BINGHAM
Universe Sports Writer

The BYU grapplers came up with a gutty performance by winning four matches by one-point margins over host Cal-State Fullerton.

"We showed some good toughness in winning the one-point matches," said BYU Coach Alan Albright. "Our kids did a good job, I'm happy we're going home with a win."

The victory was the only win in a three-match road trip in California for the Cougars, who had lost earlier in the week to Fresno State and Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo.

Second-ranked Cougar John Kohls rebounded from his loss to Cal-Poly's Eric Osborne Wednesday night to defeat John Aguirre 17-0, on a technical fall. This moves the sophomore's record to 18-2 on the season.

Among the other winners for the Cougars was senior 150-pound Jeff Tripp, who has moved his record to 10-1-1.

Cougar Gene Wilcox, who normally wrestles at 142 pounds, scored an equally impressive victory in the 158 pound weight class. Cougar 118-pounder Mark Jones earned his first win of the season, defeating Aaron Millsap 8-7.

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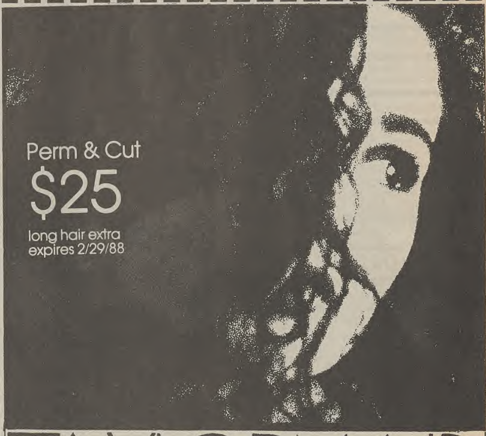

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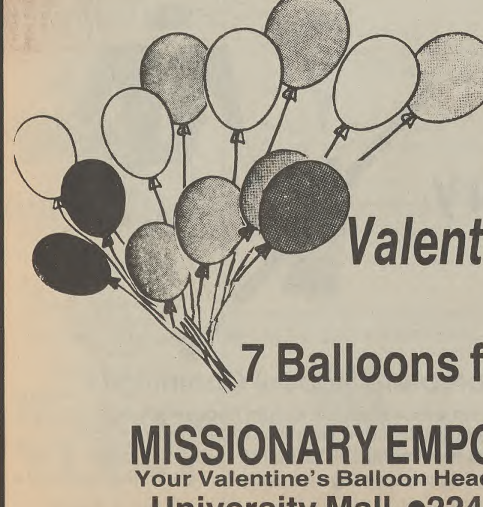

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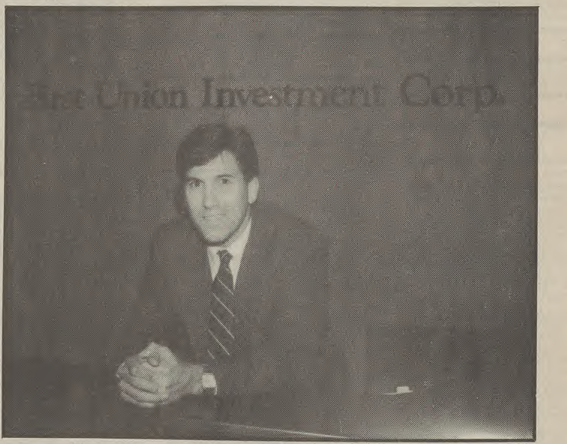
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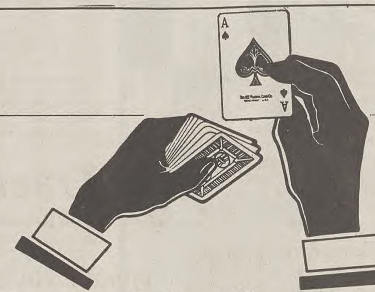

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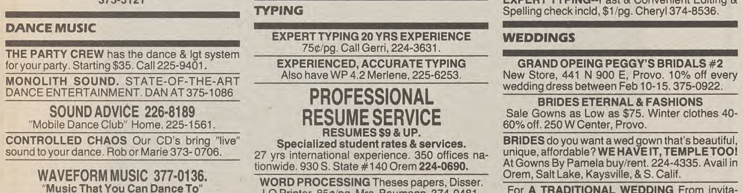
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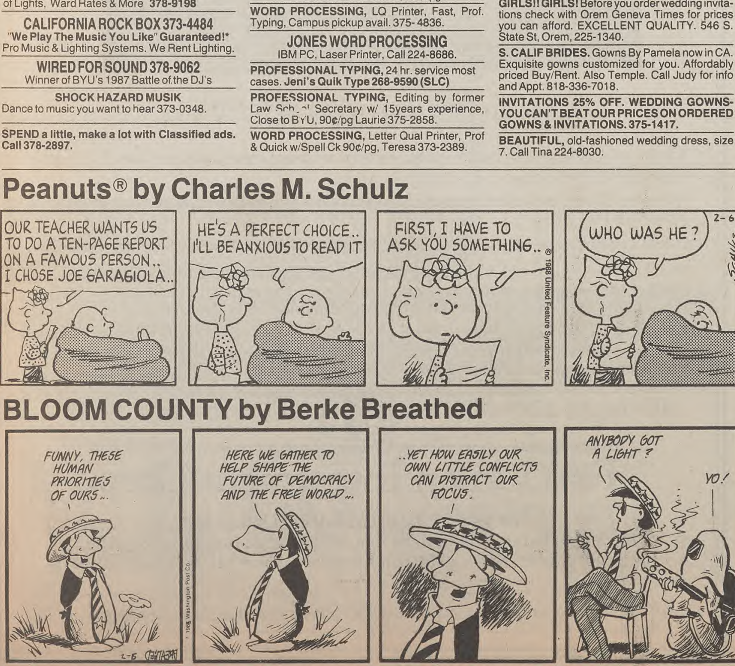
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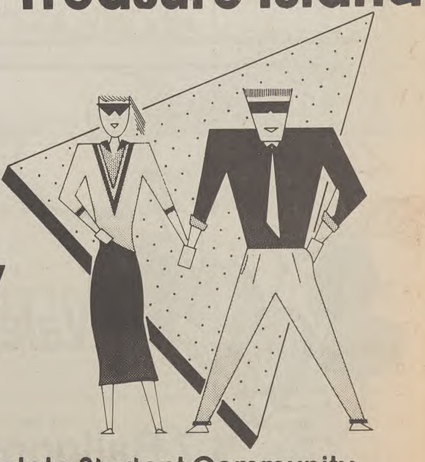

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) – Learning the fine points of sword fighting might seem as useful as, say, studying how to hunt mammoths, but 22 would-be swashbucklers are honing their skills at Iowa State University this semester.

They're not practicing fencing, the sport with rules and points. They're into rough and tumble combat with swords – but for the stage rather than a battlefield.

"You get to live your fantasy in life," said Gregg Henry, 29, a veteran stage combat instructor. "I know that's me. I wish I was born in the swashbuckling days. It's a real release for people; I just hope they do it safely."

Instead of real swords, they use seven-pound wood and steel replicas without sharpened edges or points. Still, they're lethal enough and Henry insists on safety.

"Two or three years ago a student was not listening and he almost took my head off," he said. "It was an overhead and he was coming straight down at my head. I knew in an instant he wasn't going to stop. I leaned back and saw the point coming down in front of my eyes. That's a weird feeling. The point is, you screw around in class, you're out."

The idea of the three-credit theater class is to make sword fighting – and other hand-to-hand combat – appear real to the audience without drawing blood.

"I try to teach it as part of acting," said Henry. As well as learning the athletic moves involved, actors must portray the feelings of the combatants.

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Breaking away to new traditions

By CHRISTIE BUTTARS
Universe Staff Writer

Dating. Courtship. Marriage. For some its just a part of life, for others, it's an adventure.

Dinner, a movie or dancing just isn't enough for some. They are driven to create something a little different, startling — the unconventional date.

"It's a great way to break up the monotony," said Coleen Lambdin, 20, a junior from Rochester, N.Y., majoring in elementary education. "Once our dates picked us up for a formal dance wearing the top half of a tux and boxer shorts. I loved it. But, then, I like to do things differently. The same old thing over and over again can get old," she said.

Whether it involves putting casts on your arms and then going bowling, getting locked in a museum, or flying to a restaurant in another state, unconventional dates are not easily forgotten.

But when the dating game is over and it's time to pop the big question, is the fun all over?

Not according to Ned and Marianne Bushnell of Orem.

They met on the tennis court at Wildwood, a summer resort up Provo Canyon, when he asked her and her friend to play doubles. They hit it off, and began dating.

When he decided to propose, Ned reserved the court where they first met. "Earlier I had conducted surgery on a tennis ball, wrapped the ring in cotton so it would be protected, and put it back in the ball. Then I pulled the felt back over it so it didn't look like it had been cut up."

The ball didn't bounce, so he kept it in his pocket until the game was over and they were gathering up the balls.

"Then I chucked it in the bushes and said that we were missing a ball," he said. "She picked it up, bounced it and said, 'This one's dead. Chuck it.' I about panicked.

"I said, 'Hey, there's something in this ball.' She didn't pay attention until I pulled out the wad of cotton and unwrapped the ring. Then I popped the big question right there on the tennis courts where we met," said Ned.

They will have been married 10 years in May.

Wedding ceremonies can be unconventional too, says Utah County Justice of the Peace Peggy Acomb. Since 1979, she has performed hundreds of wedding ceremonies; and not all have been traditional, she said.

"One couple flew me up to Mount Timpanogos in a hot air balloon. They both loved to fly, so I guess the important part was the helicopter ride," she said.

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Many couples like Tammy Park and Kevin Shorts have found they can have fun together no matter what they're doing.

She has turned down several offers to conduct the ceremony in a hot air balloon.

"I have performed cermonies on skis, outside in a snowstorm and in a hospital delivery room wearing surgical garb while the bride was in labor," she said.

Utah County Justice of the Peace Dan Armstrong, has performed a marriage on horseback. Well, actually he stood on the ground, but the bride and groom were on horses. "After the ceremony they leaned over, kissed each other and rode around the field at a fast gallop."

Judge Acomb believes unconventional ceremonies are the funnest because the participants are more relaxed. "The people that hold that type of ceremony usually don't care if things are letter-perfect.

"They just relax and enjoy the day," she said.

February 14: the great female dilemma

What kinds of gifts men like

By SCOTT GASSMAN
Universe Staff Writer

As Valentine's Day approaches, there is a rush of ideas for guys who want to go out and get some nice little present for their sweetheart; but for women purchasing a gift seems to be a little bit rougher.

A few experts gave their guy-gift-giving ideas in hopes of easing the dilemma.

And who are the experts? Well, they are the florists, the giftshop people, clerks in the men's departments of local stores and the Valentines, of course.

"We sell boxer shorts with hearts on them and that's always a big one. And this year we've got briefs that come in a box that plays music when you open it," said Hal Anderson, a men's department clerk.

All men's department clerks mentioned the holiday print underwear, but few sounded thrilled about them as a present they would want to receive.

Marcie Valentine, a junior from Tallahassee, Fla., majoring in special education, said giving the underwear takes a lot of guts. "If the girl's daring enough (she could give the heart print underwear), but I wouldn't do it myself," she said.

Anderson was reluctant to say he would want the underwear, but said they were a popular item. Anderson said he'd prefer candy "because when it's gone you don't have to remember the woman that came with it."

Marcie said food was the perfect gift for a man. "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach," she said, quoting the old cliche.

Marcie's husband, Evan Valentine, grew up with a special way of looking at Valentine's Day. "We celebrated Valentine's Day like a birthday," said Evan, a senior from Walnut Creek, Calif., majoring in English.

"We'd get presents from our parents, but it was usually something we'd need. One year I got a toolbox. I liked that."

Evan agrees with his wife that food is the way to go. "Guys always like food," he said. "See'sCandy tops the list, then a heart-shaped cake or cookies." He also said the cake should have candles on it.

Sandra Eddington, a clerk at a giftshop, gave a quick suggestion list. "A pillowcase that says 'I Love You.' A mug with hearts on it. Sweatshirts with a little design. Or even a teddy bear." But when it came down to it she said these weren't the gifts she would give. She reverted to the food idea. "I'd fix a special dinner for him," she said.

Gary Merritt, a manager at a local floral, also mentioned the food aspect. "I wouldn't mind getting a flower — or a flower with an edible treat," he said.

Merritt said a single rose was the most popular flower gift to be given to men. "We fold dollar bills into roses and put them in bud vases," he said. "We had a few girls buy those last year."

Logan Valentine, from Mesa, Ariz., a first year graduate student in social work, said he liked "personalized stationery or something for my desk." He said he would like to receive pens or clothing "and traditionally with a card."

Julia Behuin, from Mesa, Ariz., majoring in Latin, offered a unique gift idea. "I'd put on my brightest red lipstick and go kiss his car all over," she said. "Or I'd take him to dinner."

Anne Valentine seemed to like the food idea too, but she put a little twist to it.

"My brother received a huge heart-shaped cookie. It was probably one recipe of dough for the cookie. You'd have to cook it on a pizza pan. He loved it," Anne said.

"You can get a couple bags of the red and silver chocolate kisses and layer them in a jar," she said.

Anne also said clothes are a good gift for a guy. "Get a pair of red socks and put a cassette tape in the toe."

The consensus of these experts came down to the idea of food. In asking these experts what they think would be the best gift for a guy the No. 1 gift was candy with five votes. Flowers got one vote, as did cologne and jewelry.

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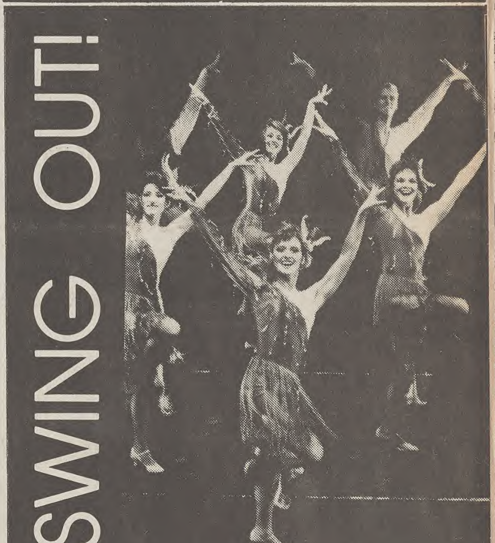

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